



St. Thomas Episcopal Church



THE EPISTLE June 6, 2018

Bailey Cove Farmer's Market Welcomes New Vendors

If you came to the market Saturday, you noticed some new vendors! This week we're highlighting First Stop, an organization that helps clients work to move from homelessness to independent, sustainable living. Their presence at the market gives folks a chance to learn about their mission and donate to the organization. A free potted plant is provided to those who make monetary donations during the market. What a lovely way to raise money for First Stop and awareness for the good work they are doing to help our homeless neighbors.



Come enjoy the crowds and help with the market!

Look for the sign-up sheet in information hall. Volunteers usually sign up for a 2 hour shifts, 8 - 10 and 10 - noon. We only need two volunteers for every shift. This Saturday we need help with a twenty-minute take-down, which includes putting away the signs, emptying the trash and taking down a couple of tents. (We usually start at about 11:50 AM and end by 12:10 PM). Find us on Facebook! Contacts are Chrissie Bannister and Mary Beth Dobbs.

**Readings for the
Third Sunday after
Pentecost
June 10**
**1 Samuel 8:4-11,
16-20**
Psalm 138
**2 Corinthians
4:13-5:1**
Mark 3:20-35

Theological Gumbo this week

Listening for God's Whispers - As we seek God, often we ask for guidance to return "home" -- in our soul, within our spirit. The 'still small voice' is there, but how well do we listen? An ancient method of soul work, also called "listening for God's whispers", is the Enneagram.

St. Thomas is fortunate to have Dan Miller, a new parishioner, join us Sunday morning to explore a tool that draws us into deeper awareness of God's

The Monday Morning Book Club will meet June 11th at 10 AM to discuss our book selection, *Carrying Albert Home*, by Homer Hickam. Visitors welcome.

callings for us.

Through the Enneagram, individuals can recapture the God-given attributes of the soul, in purest form before affected by the trials of life that covered over the spirit with ego and personality. Curious to know more? Come to the Parish Hall at 9:30am on June 10 for the first of this two-part series. (Tune in to part two on June 17!)

Pastoral Care at St. Thomas - A dedicated group in this church, both lay persons and clergy, help tend to the spiritual needs of homebound parishioners and those who are sick. We pray with folks, send them letters, bring communion, and even provide meals from time to time. If you want to lend your talents to this faithful group of folks, please contact Katherine (256-880-0247 or curate@stthomashuntsville.org).

We need you to tell us your needs so that St. Thomas can support you in prayer and presence. Calling the church office or clergy is your first option. There is now an additional way you can relay pastoral care needs. Whether a request for home communion, a visit prior to or during a hospitalization, or other pastoral need, send an email to pastoralcare@stthomashuntsville.org.

God and Evolution In this session of Abrahamic Prayers, we will not be discussing whether evolution is true. The evidence for evolution is overwhelming. Instead, we will discuss the view that God and theology make more sense when examined in the light of evolution than otherwise. John Hanson will lead the discussion this Thursday, June 7, from 7 to 9 pm in the conference room. Note that this is our last gathering until the first Thursday in September. RSVP to meisterp@uah.edu for handouts.

St. Thomas Summary of Parish Giving

Below are the offerings for the past two Sundays. Year to date (YTD) numbers are also shown. YTD is cumulative over the past Sundays of 2018. Offering is compared to budget. Last column is more or (less) figures.

Sunday Offering	Actual	Budget	More(Less)
17 - May	\$ 7,074	\$ 13,841	(\$6,767)
03-June	\$ 18,789	\$ 13,841	\$4,948
YTD	\$306,542	\$304,502	\$2,040

Summer Sunday Service Music Please consider sharing your time and talent for Summer Sunday Service Music. The choir will take a summer hiatus, and we are looking for people to share their musical gifts, vocal and instrumental, for summer services. You may choose to do the 8:00 service, the 10:30 service, or both. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway of Hudson Hall just outside the music office. Please contact Donna (clarkdf@aol.com) or Melanie (payneme67@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

I have called you by name: you are mine. Isaiah 34:1

Calling all St. Thomas Youth (entering grades 8 - 12) interested in being confirmed. There is a diocesan-wide Confirmation Retreat scheduled for July 27-29, 2018, at Camp McDowell, concluding with the service of Confirmation with Bishop Kee in St. Francis Chapel at 3:00 pm on July 29.

The cost is \$100 per person. An on-line registration link can be found on the Diocesan webpage. Call Jeannie Randall for more details.

Calling All Breakfast Cooks! St. Thomas provides breakfast every Sunday between the 8:00 and 10:30 services. It is a time of fellowship for our parishioners, and is important for the life of our parish. Several dedicated groups of parishioners volunteer their time one weekend a month to prepare breakfast. This is a wonderful ministry, and we need a little more help! There are a few Sunday mornings this year that are not covered for breakfast. If you or a group are willing to cook or host a breakfast, please let Dorothy or myself know. My cell is 256-509-6666. Spaces are going fast...reserve your spot! The open dates are July 8, December 30, and January 13 (2019). Many thanks. -- George Harriman, Senior Warden



Saint Thomas Presents Calypso Vision, a Jimmy Buffet-style troupe that also plays classic rock and alternative roots music. This band is a ready-to-go beach party perfect for sittin' and sippin', all while enjoying a cool breeze. We'll be serving corn dogs, as well as having the Southerland Snow Depot food truck on site. It should be a fun summer evening for everyone! Sunday, July 1 at 6:00 PM. Indoors, if it rains!

Next Ladies Craft Night will be Friday, June 22 at 6:00 PM. We will be making ceramic tile coasters. All supplies (tiles, alcohol spray, acrylic spray coat) will be provided. Bring your favorite sharpie, a snack to share, and whatever you'd like to drink. Join us for fun, fellowship and crafting. For more information contact Michelle Crull (256) 881-6855 or Renee Redfield (256) 698-1184.

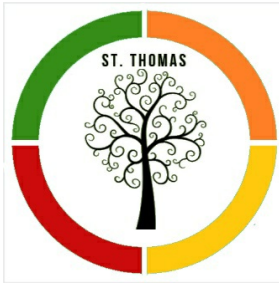


We are down to the last 4 weeks of this build with any luck from the weather and volunteers. June 9 we hope to finally paint the walls, install the trim, maybe put in the flooring and then begin the baseboards. The walls are done, the brick front to the house is done and we are looking forward to dedication sometime in early July. We begin at 8 a.m. and end by 3 p.m. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. Lunch will be served and water and snacks are available all day. Thursday folks will be working. We only had 3 folks last week so need all our volunteers to please come. The address is 6312 Menefee Drive and we are building with Cassandra Stewart. Directions: Take Memorial Parkway north to Winchester Road. Left on Winchester to Sandia. Right on Sandia to Desha. Left on Desha to Menefee and right to 6312. For information, call Elouisa Stokes, 256-604-8669.

Kid Kits for the Neighborhood Store

A major ministry of the Neighborhood Store is Kid Kits. They offer backpacks full of necessary school supplies to parents at a much discounted cost, providing a hand up and not a hand out. To provide this service, they need our help.

Please be generous and donate school supplies and back packs so that children can start the new year with all the materials that they need. Collection will be from June 1st to July 15th. Please contact Nell Fisher at nmfisher10016@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Welcome to June!

Youth We invite you to Hang-Out Thursdays. Youth arrive at 9AM and are picked up at 4PM. We will be going on adventures throughout the Huntsville and surrounding areas. All parents and youth are notified by email and through the app - Remind - the Tuesday before the event. Want to be a part of the action? Email Audrey Clark youth@stthomashuntsville.org and let her know. Youth parents and family members that want to be kept in the loop can also subscribe to Remind just text @ke4dk6 to 81010.

WE WANT YOU! Make a commitment today to volunteer once or twice a month to work with Children's Sunday School and Children's Chapel. For more information contact Audrey Clark youth@stthomashuntsville.org or 256-783-3254

SAVE THE DATE Music Camp and VBS are coming soon! Be prepared to be AMAZED! July 18-20, followed by a Saturday Fun Day Picnic Celebration July 21! Nursery will be available. More details will follow. We are looking for YOU, volunteers young and old to get involved! Sign up sheets are in Information Hall! We encourage everyone to get into the spirit of VBS and Music Camp!

This Week at St. Thomas

Thursday, June 7

4:00 PM Centering Prayer, St. Anne's Chapel
7:00 PM Men's Spirituality Group, Youth Room

Saturday, June 8

8:00 AM Farmers' Market

Sunday, June 10

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Nave
Nursery Available
9:00 AM Breakfast, Boy Scouts Troop 101
9:30 AM Christian Formation Classes
Children's Sunday School, Hiers Hall
Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
Centering Prayer, St. Anne's Chapel
Theological Gumbo, Parish Hall - Enneagram Study, Part 1, Dan Miller
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Nave
Nursery Available

Monday, June 11

6:00 PM Outreach Meeting, Conference Room
7:00 PM Esau Society, Parish Hall

Wednesday, June 13

9:30 AM Bible Study, Conference Room
9:30 AM Parents' Morning Out - drop-off

11:00 AM Healing Service, St. Anne's Chapel
Noon Bible Study, Conference Room
12:45 PM Parents' Morning Out - pick-up
6:00 PM Taize Eucharist, Nave

Thursday, June 14

4:00 PM Centering Prayer, St. Anne's Chapel
7:00 PM Men's Spirituality Group, Youth Room

WORSHIP TEAM for JUNE 10, 2018

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Pam Payne
Guest Organist at 8 AM Alana Acker
Joyful Noise Kathleen Brewer, Beth Cantrell, Charlie Erwin,
Laurie Fowler, John Hanson, Linda Hanson, Linda Lou Hardison, Betsy Hill,
Jonathan Kobler, Mikki Miller, Lipmon Moy, Tom Richardson, Carolyn Seaman,
Nancy Ward

8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers Bryan Dodson, Kathy Clayton
Lectors Brenda & Horton Smith
Acolytes Nick Pawluk
Ushers Al & Pat Johnson
Greeters Emy McCoy, Diane Wick

10:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers Bob Hardison, Jocelyn Wright-Dempsey
Lectors Gus Davis, Emily Naderi
Acolytes Nathan Cantrell, Vincent Moore,
Phoebe Jones, Trent Plank
Ushers Larry Hill, Nancy Chandler
Greeters Nancy & Jim Teasdale, Evie Wilson

Vestry on Duty Wyn Christian, Greg Albur
Altar Guild Lisa Christensen, Pat Bedenbaugh,
Katherine Lambert, Maggie & Robbie Clark
Flower Guild Ruth Erwin, Mary Thompson
Breakfast Boy Scouts Troop 101

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